

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraphs of the specification as shown so that the specification refers consistently to Figures 5a, 5b, 6a, and 6b. These amendments to the specification introduce no new matter.

Paragraph [0030]

[0030] ~~Figure 5 is~~ Figures 5a and 5b are a perspective view of the cleaning strip in a first and a second orientation;

Paragraph [0031]

[0031] ~~Figure 6 is~~ Figures 6a and 6b are a side elevational view of an alternative embodiment of a cleaning strip assembly in a lowered and raised position, showing the relationship between the cleaning strip and a separate friction means;

Paragraph [0044]

[0044] The elongate member of the cleaning strip assembly is housed within a cavity in the underside of the wall 15 of the surface cleaning apparatus so as to be rotatable about the axis of the elongate member. The cleaning strip assembly is orientated such that the flexible strip is nearest to the front of the surface cleaning apparatus and the flexible tabs are nearer to the rear of the surface cleaning apparatus. The cavity has an open face through which the flexible strip and the flexible tabs protrude. As shown in ~~Figure 5~~ Figures 5a and 5b, the cavity has a first major wall, the rear wall in use, which is substantially upright, and a second major wall. The second major wall, the front wall in use, is inclined away from the rear wall at a nominal angle of 60 degrees. The inner face of the cavity, opposite the opening, is in the form of a concave curved surface wherein the curvature complements the curvature of the elongate member. The elongate member is retained within the cavity by retaining tabs attached to the rear wall of the cavity at the

open face of the cavity. The cavity in the wall 15 is shaped such that excessive rotation of the elongate member in either direction is prevented by the walls of the cavity engaging the flexible tabs or flexible strip.

Paragraph [0050]

[0050] In use of the surface cleaning apparatus incorporating the cleaning strip assembly according to the invention, as shown in Figures 1 to 5b, the surface cleaning apparatus is placed upon a surface to be swept, such as a carpet, and the switch operated to energise the motor and consequently to rotate the brush arrangement to sweep debris from the surface and then propel the debris up and over the inclined wall 15 and into the intermediate compartment 17 where it is temporarily stored. As the surface cleaning apparatus is moved over the surface with the brush arrangement 11 rotating, any further debris is similarly swept from the surface and propelled up and over the wall 15 and into the intermediate compartment 17.

Paragraph [0058]

[0058] ~~Figure 6 shows~~ Figures 6a and 6b show another embodiment of a cleaning strip assembly 202 which comprises an elongate member 204 of rigid material, for example plastics material, which is attached to a flexible strip 208, for example of a plastics or rubber material, positioned along substantially the entire length of the elongate member 204. The thickness of the flexible strip 208 decreases progressively towards an edge furthest from the elongate member. The thickness of the flexible strip is less than that of the elongate body such that a shoulder portion 210 is formed either side of the flexible strip where it is attached to the elongate member.